

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active agent and a mucoadhesive carrier for the active agent, wherein the mucoadhesive carrier comprises a β -limit dextrin and said formulation is in the form of a buccal melt product comprising a freeze-dried matrix.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously presented) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 1 in which the active agent is a pharmaceutically active agent.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim [[4]] 1 which is a wafer.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 1 which is a thin film.

8. (Previously presented) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 1 further including at least one carbohydrate.

9. (Original) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 8 in

which the at least one carbohydrate is a polysaccharide.

10. (Previously presented) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 8 in which the at least one carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of alginate; pectin; and derivatives of alginate and pectin.

11. (Original) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 10 in which the alginate comprises between 1 and 50% of the formulation (w/w).

12. (Original) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 11 in which the alginate comprises between 10 and 30% of the formulation (w/w).

13. – 24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) A bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation as claimed in Claim 1 in which the β -limit dextrin is obtained by hydrolyzing a waxy starch.

26. (Withdrawn; currently amended) A method for delivering an active agent to a mucosal membrane of a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a bioadhesive formulation comprising said active agent and a mucoadhesive carrier for the active agent, wherein the mucoadhesive carrier comprises a β -limit dextrin and said formulation is in the form of a buccal melt product comprising a freeze-dried matrix.

27. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the active agent is a breath freshener.

28. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 27, wherein the formulation is a thin-film breath freshener.

29. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the active agent is a pharmaceutically active agent.

30. – 37. (Canceled)